

## Exploding Golf Ball Can Injure Eye

Exploding golf balls have caused a number of eye injuries, according to Dr. William H. Havener, Columbus, Ohio.

The explosion is caused by the sudden release of a liquid rubber compound contained under pressure in the center of the golf ball.

In a question submitted to the July 14 *Journal of the American Medical Association*, a case was described in which such an explosion occurred while a boy was trying to "peel" a golf ball. Particles of the rubber compound became embedded in his eye.

Dr. Havener said he had seen similar cases. The injured eye responds to treatment within a week or so, he said.

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likely, therefore, that pulmonary sarcoidosis will from time to time appear in women who use hair cosmetics abundantly since this practice is the current, well nigh universal vogue," he said.

"It would seem that a more specific criterion should be found by means of which to differentiate between true thesaurosis and sarcoidosis coincidental to hair spray exposures."

The appearance of lung tissue, which forms the basis for a diagnosis of thesaurosis, is the same

in many cases of sarcoidosis, including men who have not been exposed to hair sprays, he said.

"In view of the close . . . similarities between sarcoidosis and certain examples of thesaurosis, the question is raised whether some cases of alleged thesaurosis may be instances of pulmonary sarcoidosis coincidental to exposure to cosmetic hair sprays," Dr. Schepers said.

Attempts to reproduce thesaurosis in experimental animals have, thus far, been unsuccessful, he pointed out.

Dr. Shepers is affiliated with the Haskell Laboratory for Toxicology and Industrial Medicine, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company.

CHANGES IN EGO STRENGTH FOLLOWING PERCEPTUAL DEPRIVATION—G. D. Cooper, H. B. Adams, and R. C. Gibby. *Arch. Gen. Psychiat.*—7:213 (Sept.) 1962.

This study investigated the hypothesis that positive changes in ego functioning would occur in psychiatric patients following a few hours of perceptual deprivation and social isolation. Cartwright's modification of Klopfer's Rorschach Prognostic Rating Scale was used as a measure of over-all adequacy of ego functioning. The results supported the hypothesis. Significant increases were found on the over-all scale score and on two of the three component scores. A second finding was that subjects who functioned least adequately prior to deprivation showed the most improvement after exposure to deprivation. The changes observed on the Rorschach measures were consistent with previously reported postdeprivation changes in overt symptomatology. It was suggested that sensory deprivation techniques might have considerable therapeutic utility with certain classes of psychiatric patients.



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